

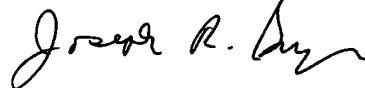
statement that the methods would read on patentably distinct species without being specific, it appears that this requirement is merely a species election. As such, Applicants reserve their right to traverse any subsequent restriction requirement.

Moreover, Applicants' attorney Mr. Phillip McGarrigle spoke to the Examiner regarding this species election requirement. In this conversation, Mr. McGarrigle stated that there were many of Applicants' applications where this species election had not been made and many have issued as patents. The Examiner acknowledged that such a species election requirement has not typically been required and that she would search the full scope of the claims if and when appropriate.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request early action on the merits of all methods of making the arrays of the present invention. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5000.

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